By the Mayor.

To the Alderman
of the Ward of

IT being Repreſented to Me, That ſeveral Rude and Diſorderly Perſons have already begun, in a Riotous and Tumultuous manner, to throw *SQUIBS*, *SERPENTS*, and other *Fire-Works*, in and about the Streets of this *CITY*, to the great Terrour, as well as endangering the Lives of His MAJESTY's Subjects, the apparent Breach of the Peace, and the ſcandal and diſhonour of the Government of this City.

And it being Reſolved on by my Self and my Brethren the *Aldermen*, That for the future no *Squibs*, *Serpents*, or any other Fire-Works, ſhall under colour of any Day of Solemnity, Feſtival, or other pretence whatſoever, be made, ſold, flung or fired within this *City* or the *Liberties* thereof.

Theſe are therefore (for the prevention thereof, and to the end that no Perſon may pretend Ignorance) to Require you, That you forthwith give Directions to your *BEADLE*, to go from Houſe to Houſe and Warn every Inhabitant within your Ward, That they do not permit their *Children* or *Servants* to make, throw, or fire any *Fire-Works* in the Streets, or out of their Houſes, Balconies, or other Places; nor that they ſuffer any Perſon to come into, or remain in their Houſes, who may be guilty of ſuch Offence.

And for the Exemplary Puniſhment of ſuch as ſhall be offending, You are hereby further Required to Injoyn the ſeveral *Conſtables* and *Beadles*, together with the *VVatchmen* of Your Ward, to be conſtantly attending in every place of your Ward, (and more eſpecially every *Evening*) and that they apprehend and carry before Me, or ſome other of His MAJESTY's Juſtices of the Peace of this City, all and every Perſon that ſhall be found making, buying, ſelling or throwing any *Squibs*, *Serpents*, or other *Fireworks* whatſoever, in the Streets, or out of any Balconies, Houſes, or any Place within this City or Liberties thereof.

And although it is the Duty of every ſuch Officer, as well as every good Citizen, to ſuppreſs ſuch Miſchiefs; yet for the Incouragement of them and all others to uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to that end, Every Perſon who ſhall apprehend or diſcover any Perſon or Perſons, making or throwing of *Squibs*, *Serpents*, or other *Fireworks*, as aforeſaid, ſo that he or they be proſecuted and convicted of the ſaid Offence, ſhall (over and above his Charges) have and receive the Sum of *Ten Shillings*, for every ſuch Offender ſo convicted.

And if any *Conſtable*, *Beadle*, or other Officer, ſhall be found omiſſive of, or neglecting their Duty, or concealing any Offender, they ſhall be proſecuted for ſuch their Neglect, Default or Concealment, according to the utmoſt Severity of the Law.

Dated the Thirteenth Day of October, 1697. *Goodfellow.*

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